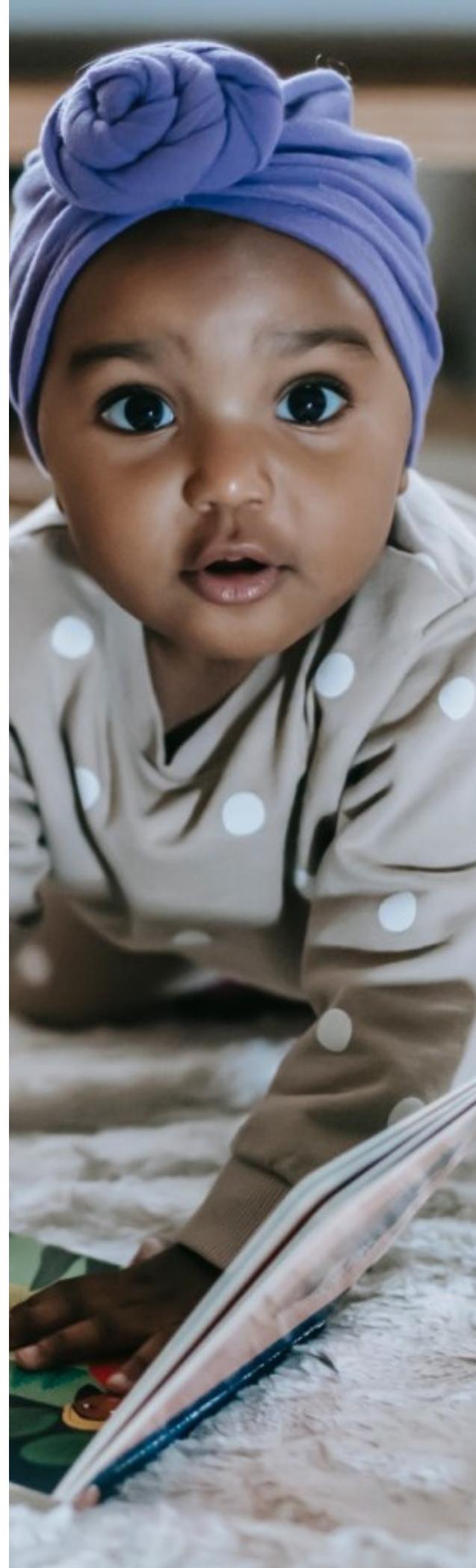


GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATE ADOPTION



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WHAT IS PRIVATE ADOPTION?

Private adoption is pursuing an adoption on your own without assistance from an agency. A family might consider a private adoption if they want to be more hands-on or if agency costs are a little out of reach. Regardless of why, choosing a private adoption is a big step and can seem scary.

Putting your adoption into your own hands can be intimidating and scary. The good news is... you don't have to do it alone!

The two things you absolutely need for a private adoption are a home study and an attorney.

While these are the two things you absolutely need, it doesn't mean that you can't use a little extra guidance. Here are a few ways Adoption & Beyond can help with your private adoption.



01. Understand self-networking.

Self-networking is a huge part of successfully initiating a private adoption. We can provide you with resources on how to network effectively to find an expectant mother.



02. Finding an expectant mom.

Adoption & Beyond can help you screen potential expecting mothers. We can help determine if there are any red flags that could put your adoption at risk.



03. Finding an attorney.

Having an attorney is a necessity for adoption. But having the RIGHT attorney can go a long way. We can help match you with a reliable attorney that works specifically on adoptions in the state you plan to adopt.



04. Connecting with an expectant mom.

We also provide tools to help you develop a relationship with the expecting mom. The adoption process is much smoother if everyone is on the same page and we can help with that.

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05. Gathering social & medical history.

Help with gathering social and medical information from the expecting parents is essential. This will be the biggest tool to help you as your child grows and how you can support their health in the best way you can.



06. Create a hospital plan.

This will help you, the expecting mother, and the hospital all be on the same page once labor begins and how we'll proceed after birth.



07. Finding emotional support.

Emotional support in navigating the time between when the baby is born and placement will help you during this unpredictable time. Agencies like ours are always here to help you from the very beginning.



08. Beyond placement.

After placement, having an open adoption means maintaining a healthy relationship with the birth family. Agencies like ours can be mediators if needed and sources of support after the adoption is finalized.

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